

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-10, 16, 17, and 22 have been amended.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
receiving data in a presentation buffer of a presentation controller, wherein the data in the presentation buffer is in a properly formatted form to be displayed on a display device;  
receiving a request from a requestor to read the data in the presentation buffer;  
deleting ~~the~~protected data from the presentation buffer in response to the request; and  
not delivering the protected data to the requestor in response to the request.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the presentation controller is a graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data includes placing the presentation controller in a security mode.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein deleting ~~the~~protected data includes taking the presentation controller out of a security mode.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein not delivering the protected data includes delivering data other than the protected data requested.
6. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions, which when executed by at least one processor cause ~~said at least one processor~~ a machine to perform the following operations, comprising:
- receiving data in a presentation buffer of a presentation controller, wherein the data in the presentation buffer is in a properly formatted form to be displayed on a display device;
  - receiving a request from a requestor to read the data in the presentation buffer;
  - deleting ~~the~~protected data from the presentation buffer in response to the request; and
  - not delivering the protected data to the requestor in response to the request.
7. (Original) The medium of claim 6, wherein the presentation controller is a graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.
8. (Original) The medium of claim 6, wherein receiving data includes placing the presentation controller in a security mode.
9. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 6, wherein deleting ~~the~~protected data includes taking the presentation controller out of a security mode.

10. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 6, wherein not delivering the protected data includes delivering data other than the protected data requested.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a presentation controller having:

a presentation buffer;

a command handler to process commands and addresses;

a data handler coupled to the presentation buffer to monitor data and to

pass at least a part of the monitored data to the presentation buffer;

a security violation detector to detect a request by a requestor to read

protected data in the presentation buffer; and

a data protector coupled to the data handler to prevent providing the

protected data to the requestor, wherein the presentation buffer to

supply the at least a part of the monitored data in a properly

formatted form to be displayed to a display device.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the data protector is further to purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the request to read protected data.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the presentation controller is a graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the presentation controller includes a by-pass mode that does not prevent providing the protected data to the requestor.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the data protector:  
is to purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the  
request to read protected data; and  
is to place the presentation controller in the by-pass mode after said purge.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the data protector is to deliver data other than the protected data requested.

17. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:  
a presentation circuit including:  
an input interface to receive data;  
an output port to transmit data in a properly formatted form to be displayed  
on a display device~~for presentation~~;  
a presentation buffer coupled to the output port;  
a presentation controller coupled to the presentation buffer and to the  
input interface and having:  
a command handler to process commands and addresses; ~~and~~  
a data handler to monitor data and to pass at least a part of the  
monitored data to the presentation buffer;

a security violation detector to detect a request by a requestor to  
read protected data in the presentation buffer; and  
a data protector to prevent providing the protected data to the  
requestor.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the data protector is further to purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the request to read protected data.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the presentation controller is a graphics controller and the presentation buffer is a frame buffer.

20. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the presentation controller includes a by-pass mode that does not prevent providing the protected data to the requestor.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the data protector:  
is to purge the protected data from the presentation buffer upon detection of the  
request to read protected data; and  
is to place the presentation controller in the by-pass mode after said purge.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the data protector is to deliver data other than the protected data requested.